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**Subject: NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS AND  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

This letter is a **formal notice** under the interconnection agreement between «LegalEntity» and «CLEC» for the «StCommon» of «StateName».

In its Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147, released on August 21, 2003 (the "Triennial Review Order"), the Federal Communications Commission promulgated new rules and regulations pertaining to the availability of unbundled network elements pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"). Those rules and regulations, together with the other relevant provisions of the Triennial Review Order, take effect today (October 2, 2003).

Pursuant to the Triennial Review Order, Verizon's obligations under the Act have been materially modified in numerous respects. Among other things, certain facilities that Verizon was previously required to offer on an unbundled basis pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) are no longer subject to unbundling. Verizon has completed its preliminary assessment of the impact of the Triennial Review Order on its current operations, and has decided to cease providing the unbundled network elements set forth below. As Verizon continues this review process, we expect to provide notice of additional discontinuances in the near future.

Accordingly, Verizon is hereby providing formal notice to «CLEC» of Verizon's intention, to the extent permitted by your interconnection agreement, to discontinue the provisioning of the following unbundled network elements, in accordance with the provisions of the Triennial Review Order, thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, or immediately following any longer notice period as may be required by your interconnection agreement:

1. OCn Transport
2. OCn Loops
3. Dark Fiber Transport between Verizon Switches or Wire Centers and «CLEC» Switches or Wire Centers (a/k/a Dark Fiber Channel Terminations or Dark Fiber Entrance Facilities)
4. Dark Fiber Feeder Subloop
5. Fiber to the Home (lit and unlit) – new builds
6. Fiber to the Home (lit and unlit) – overbuilds, subject to limited exceptions
7. Hybrid Loops – subject to exceptions for TDM and narrowband applications
8. Line Sharing

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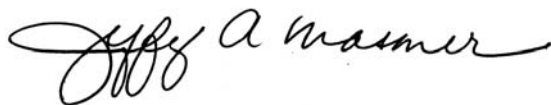
In addition, this letter serves as confirmation that Verizon is prepared to comply with all other provisions of the Triennial Review Order, provided it has not otherwise been stayed or reversed on appeal, subject to negotiation and execution of an appropriate amendment to your interconnection agreement that applies the changes in law effected by the Triennial Review Order to the specifics of the commercial environment.

**To the extent notice of such changes in law, or notice of termination of service/facilities availability, is required under your interconnection agreement, this letter shall serve as such notice.**

Verizon's proposed contract amendment implementing the provisions of the Triennial Review Order has been posted on Verizon's Wholesale Web Site and may be accessed via the electronic link at the bottom of this letter. This proposed contract amendment also explains the mechanism for transitioning existing service arrangements that will no longer be available on an unbundled basis to alternative services.

Carriers seeking to amend their interconnection agreements should review the draft amendment and contact Verizon to proceed with completion of the contracting process. You can either send an email to [contract.management@verizon.com](mailto:contract.management@verizon.com) or contact Renee L. Ragsdale, Manager Interconnection Services. Ms. Ragsdale's address is 600 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038 and her telephone number is 972-718-6889.

Please be advised that the Triennial Review Order provides that October 2, 2003 shall be deemed to be the notification request date for contract amendment negotiations associated with the Triennial Review Order. In accordance with Section 252(b) of the Act, from the 135<sup>th</sup> day to the 160<sup>th</sup> day after such negotiation request date, either party may request the state regulatory commission to arbitrate the terms of the contract amendment.



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